

Bulletin
Secession of S. W. S.

A. State 1939

From Whom	Under Secretary
Place	J. M. S
Date	20. 3. 12

Suggests that if the Gardens Dept proposed to continue the publication of the J.S. & Jus Bulletin

Former Papers.

MINUTES.

Final Paper.

where are the recent pp. about the J.S. publication. we were asked how many copies we wanted.

23. 3. 12

D. J. Garden

Please report what it is proposed to do.

27. 3. 12

H. Col Sec.

The Bulletin is being continued & it would not be possible to make a change at present as subscription are being received. The Bulletin (New Series) commenced and

to discontinue the joint work
you should have been consulted
before any announcement
of proposed discontinuance
was made.

Sd: S. M. A. 10/4/12

Yes.

The D of Gardens
should discuss the question to be advanced
at Kuala Lumpur & report the result.

D. of G.

To note

Sd: S. M. A. 10/4/12

Hon. &.

Noted

R. D. 13/4/12

Hon. &.

I When the D of Gardens was under contract to
supply the Bulletin and
print the notes of the
meeting for M. P. a up to the
end of their financial year
31st March 1912 for which
Service he had received \$1000.

2 This department had
no choice other than continue
the Bulletin up to that time
neither does it object to proceed
as hitherto but for reasons
I put up the original prospec-
tus from which it will be seen
that, to a large extent two
Bulletins would merely
mean re-duplication.

It will also be seen that
when the Bulletin started there
were only two officers in the
Dept directly connected with
Agriculture while at the present
time such is the position in
the Colony on the other hand
there is now in the Dept a
fully equipped department
would cease with his departure both in the Staff, laboratory
he had overlooked that he
and appliances.

Singapore at the time of the
commencement of the Bulletin
was considered the best place

for it to be edited but it was
not laid down that this should
be so for all times.

No doubt the Agriculture
Dept as organized in the Gres
feel that it is being subordi-
nated and that the head
quarters of the Bulletin should
be there. In the best interest of
Agriculture, and the Bulletin
I think it best at present,
with the proviso - Which the
Director of Agriculture Gres
Agrees it that it is edited by
the Director of Agriculture Gres
and Director of Gardens, S'pose

I submit the position of
the Bulletin would be improved
if it would be issued without a
break and no one break in
the mean season. In future
it may be re-edited and
published in Singapore
again.

If approved the Gres
could start with the May
numbers I hand over receipt
for the current year and
will communicate with
Govt: as to the previous balance

Sd R.D. 13/5/12

Ag. D of Gardens
Please communicate direct
with the Dir. of Agricul. Gres
Sd R.D. 13/5/12

Hon. S.

This has already been done
and the D of a. Gres is prepared
to take over the Bulletin on these
lines.

2 This matter is urgent
as the Gres would have
to produce May numbers of
the Bulletin.

Sd R.D. 17.5.12

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As a request was made by a large number of Planters in the Colony, F.M.S., Ceylon, India and elsewhere, a monthly Bulletin was started in Octr. 1901 (see Prospectus attached).

(2) The following arrangements were made for its publication. It was agreed that:—

(a) That the Bulletin be edited by the Gardens Dept. Singapore, and that the parties mentioned in the prospectus contribute suitable articles.

(b) That the printing be done at the Govt. Printing Dept. S'pore (free of charge) and that all subscriptions and postage be done by that Department.

(c) That the Governments of the S.S. and F.M.S. grant respectively \$300 annually to assist with the expenses in connection with such items

as postage, illustrations etc., and ~~and that the P.A.M. guaranteed the~~ payment of ~~100~~ ¹⁰⁰ subscriptions.

3. Owing to the inability of the Govt. Pr. Dept. to have the Bulletin printed regularly, it was found necessary to have occasional numbers printed by outsiders so that the numbers be ~~enabled to be issued~~ monthly.

4. As numerous complaints had been received by the Editor, owing to the inability of the G.P.D. to cope with the distribution of the Bulletin 6 months after its commencement, the distribution was undertaken by the Gardens Department.

5. In 1908, though, as has already been stated, occasional numbers were printed outside, it was found that the G.P.D. could not do justice to the Bulletin and the Editor, owing to still further complaints from the P.A.M. was compelled to give the printing of all the numbers to private firms. This was done from the month of April 1908 on the understanding that the P.A.M. would vote annually \$1000 and in return receive 500 copies of each issue to be distributed as desired by them.

The cost of printing and all other charges has been met by the grant from the P.A.M.; the votes of the two Governments, together with the receipts obtained by advertisers and the increased yearly subscription.

The sum paid for the printing of the Bulletin from April 1908 to Decr. 1911 was \$7570.56.

From the commencement of the Bulletin (in 1902) to the end of Decr. 1911, the Government Grants totalled \$5550.00 and of this roughly \$1620.00 were used in the purchase of stamps for postage. The P.A.M. during 1909 and 1910 contributed \$2000.00.

The total cost of printing the Bulletin since its inception has been \$11,911.65.

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When the Bulletin was printed at the G.P.D. 450 copies were printed monthly.

In 1908 it was found necessary to increase the number printed to 1000 copies.

This was due to the increased demand for the Bulletin.

Owing to its regular appearance, we could afford to ask for the publications of other Depts. of Agriculture in other countries and at the present moment we receive over 200 such publications. Should the publication of our Bulletin cease, we shall lose a large proportion of those publications to the detriment of the Department.

This Bulletin has therefore obtained a considerable reputation amongst other stations throughout the World and should the name be changed or a new publication commence, the work of all those years will be nullified.

In 1906 the late Mr. Carruthers, Director of Agriculture, F.M.S. approached the Editor with the same idea. The case as now stated was explained to him and he agreed that the publication should remain as it was and that it should be a combined publication between the two Departments, he being the Co-Editor. This he did until his retirement in 1908.

Under these circumstances, therefore, I would suggest that the publication of the Bulletin be continued as at present and that the Director of Agriculture F.M.S. be asked to be Co-Editor but that the actual editing and issuing of the Bulletin be left in the hands of the Gardens Dept. S'pore to whom all communications should be sent.

823/7 Should it be found to change the name of the Bulletin I would suggest that this is to take place from the beginning of 1912, as we are already brought out 3 numbers in the old style.

has continued an amalgamated would be by far in the best publication of the Bot. Gardens interests of the Bulletin and Agricultural Deptt in the Deptt. The proposal amounts Colony & Fms.

to have been over banked that the burst of such secession requires the work has for same time sanction of both Government that fallen on the Botanic who subscribe £300 each as an Garden & particularly Mr. amalgamated publication Ridley for which reason he any alteration or suggestion possibly notified it would possibly be met by discussion cease in his departure.

Since its inception the Bulletin has obtained a few days leave to proceed good reputation amongst the Kew Lumber within the similar restriction through next week. Could their deal out the world and any acts. with the masses on the spot.

ation would be a retrogress.

in step now. In fact all C.S.

The preceding years were the whole muddle seem to be practically lost. Here to be due to the notification application for former copies, by the Bot. Gardens Deptt that sometimes complete & sometimes are frequently received. at this letter to the letter in 879-12 one time the Bulletin was & now apparently is not edited by Mess: Ridley and Carruthers & some such arrangement as the present time

~~injury which have been made that the Gardens deptt. of this colony was in error in announcing at the end of last year that the joint-Bulletin would be discontinued.~~

~~It is understood that a joint publication is in fact still being issued and that subscriptions for it have been collected the Ag: Director of Gardens & has thereon been directed to discuss the matter with the Dir of Agriculture Fms: it is suggested that no decision be arrived at until this has been done~~

4.5.12

R. D. 7.4.12

~~112/12 of the 20th March last I am directed to inform you that it appears your~~



OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF AGRICULTURE,
FEDERATED MALAY STATES,
KUALA LUMPUR.

Received 22/1/13
Answered.....

Jan. 22, '13

Dear Burkhill -

I sympathise with your difficulties about getting away. Yours must be much greater than mine.

I shall be going to Penang now on Sunday (from Port Swettenham) & from there to Kedah. The boat leaves P.S. on Sunday aft.

Prof. D. H. Campbell is coming up with me to Penang, so it would be rather useful if you come also. He is the main draw on

About the 'Bulletin' I do
not think there is room for two
agricultural journals in Malaya &
of the two places I think K. Langsar
is a better centre for such a
periodical than Singapore. If your
idea is for a botanical or
some similar journal I should
welcome it though of course
I have no right to interfere
in any case.

My show will I hope be
respectable in a few weeks' time
at present it is a tenth

mess with writers & such-like.
They have been at it for about
a year now.

Yours sincerely
A. Fletcher

DRAFT

FAIR COPY
SIGNED BY259
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DATED

24th Aug. 1912

To

SIR,

Would the meteorological readings for Kelantan which we receive through the courtesy of Dr. Simlett be acceptable to you for publication, if I may ask him to forward direct

I am,

Li.

J. T.

for. &

The Editor
Agricultural Bulletin
Kuala Lumpur
J. M. S.

Bulletin matter

Director of Agriculture
Kuala Lumpur
J. M. S.

No. M.D. 96
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Referring to your

No. 267/2

Residency Surgeon OFFICE,

Kota Bharu

Kelantan

2nd September

1912.

Sir.

I have the honour to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter No. 267/2
dated 31st August.

I will be glad to forward
our returns to the Director of
Agriculture Kuala Lumpur
instead and will endeavour to
do so as regularly as possible.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant

John D. Simlette

Residency Surgeon
Kelantan

To The Director

The Botanic Gardens
Singapore

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